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Title: SECURING AN ACCESS PROVIDER

The prior application is assigned of record to America Online, Inc.,  
a Delaware corporation, by virtue of an assignment submitted to the Patent and  
Trademark Office and recorded on August 8, 2001 at 012055/0316.

Enclosed are the following papers, including those required to receive a filing date  
under 37 CFR §1.53(b):

	<u>Pages</u>
Specification	13 + cover sheet
Claims	6
Abstract	1
Declaration	[To be Filed at a Later Date]
Drawing(s)	6

### Enclosures:

- Request and Certification Under 35 U.S.C. 122(b)(2)(B)(i), 1 page.
- Copy of Recorded Assignment, 9 pages.
- Postcard.

This application is a continuation (and claims the benefit of priority under 35 USC 120) of U.S. Application No. 09/666,104, filed September 20, 2000, which claims the benefit of U.S. Provisional Application No. 60/227,309, filed August 24, 2000. The disclosure of the prior applications are considered part of (and are incorporated by reference in) the disclosure of this application.



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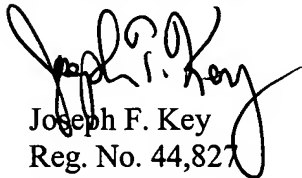
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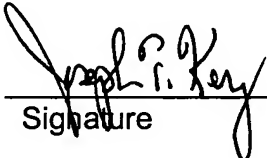
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